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ATTN: OSD/ISA/DSAA

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SUBJECT: TENERIFE AIR DISASTER

1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES THAT PAN AM COMMERCIAL PLANE TRANSPORTING REMAINS OF TENERIFE AIR CRASH VICTIMS FROM DOVER AFB DELAWARE BE PERMITTED TO LAND AND OFF-LOAD REMAINS AT EL TORRO MCB CALIFORNIA. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST DUE TO LOGISTICAL AND SECURITY ADVANTAGES AND FACT THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH DIGNITY AND SOLEMNITY OF THIS OPERATION.

2. PAN AMERICAN ADVISES THEY INTEND TO UTILIZE ONE COMMERCIAL
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CIAL 707 AIRCRAFT WITH FREIGHT CONFIGURATION AND PALLETIZED LOADING CAPABILITY.

3. ETD FROM DOVER IS 1200 LOCAL (EST) SATURDAY APRIL 23.
ETA EL TORRO 1400 LOCAL (PST).

4. ALL OFF-LOADING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE WILL BE TOTALLY

CIVILIAN SUPPORTED BY PAN AMERICAN. NO REFUELING REQD.

5. CARGO WILL CONSIST OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED (100) STANDARD CASKETS. PAN AM WILL HAVE COMMERCIAL MORTUARY VEHICLES AT EL TORRO ON OR ABOUT 1200 (PST) TO CARRY

CASKETS.

6. ESTIMATED MAXIMUM GROUND TIME AT EL TORRO IS FIVE HOURS. FLIGHT WILL DEPART EL TORRO IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF OFF-LOADING.

7. STATE REPRESENTATIVE WILL ARRIVE AT EL TORRO FRIDAY APRIL 22. REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE JAMES L. WARD OF BUREAU OF SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, DEP/STATE WASHINGTON (TELEPHONE FTS 202-632-7871).

8. RE PRESS GUIDANCE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE SUGGESTS THAT LITTLE OR NO COMMENT BE MADE TO MEDIA UNTIL OPERATION IS COMPLETED. EVEN THEN, DETAILED PRESS COMMENT MAY BE LEFT TO PAN AM.

9. FOR DOVER AFB: PLEASE PASS COPY THIS MESSAGE TO DEP/STATE REP ALTA FOWLER.
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